

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: KATO *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/555,343

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For: **FREEZE-DRIED PREPARATION
CONTAINING METHYLCOBALAMIN
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME**

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Examiner: Craig RICCI

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Amendment and Reply After Final Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

To Accompany the filing of a Request for Continued Examination

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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Madam Commissioner:

In reply to the final Office action mailed February 19, 2009, Applicants submit the following amendment and reply. This amendment and reply accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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